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ABSTRACT

Intended for use by vocational administrators responsible for mainstreaming handicapped students into vocational education classes, the resource guide lists and describes governmental and private agencies that provide vocational programs and support services for the handicapped on a local and statewide basis in the California counties of Imperial and San Diego. The agencies are presented alphabetically, grouped by counties, with a separate section for statewide agencies. A listing of agencies by relevant handicapping conditions is also provided. Under each agency is listed its name, its specific concern, the handicapped groups it serves, its intended users, the specific services it provides, its address, and any costs of its services. The agencies described provide the following types of vocational and support services: vocational testing and evaluation, vocational counseling, prevocational training, work adjustment, sheltered workshops, work activities, building and equipment adaptation, job placement and referral, independent living skills, information and referral, legal advice, diagnosis and evaluation, psychological services, physical therapy, speech therapy, occupational therapy, special aids and appliances, braille and tape transcription, mobility and orientation training, deaf interpreting, medical services, instructional materials, educational assessment, academic tutoring, and advocacy. (DLS)

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Imperial and San Diego Counties

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STATE AND STATEWIDE SERVICES								
Calif. Assoc. for Neurologically Handicapped Children (CANHC)			X					
California Community College Enabler Programs	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
California School for the Deaf		X						
Crippled Children Services	X	X			X	X		
Department of Rehabilitation	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Mobility Barriers Section of Department of Rehabilitation	X				X			
Regional Center of San Diego and Imperial Counties			X	X	X	X	X	
IMPERIAL COUNTY SERVICES								
Imperial County Superintendent of Schools	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Imperial County Work Training Center	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Imperial Valley Association for the Retarded (IVAR)			X	X	X	X	X	
Mental Health Services of Imperial County							X	
SAN DIEGO COUNTY SERVICES								
Braille Transcribers Guild of San Diego	X							
California Driving School		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Central Deaf Association Communication Center		X						
Community Service Center for the Disabled	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
San Diego Center for the Blind	X							
San Diego City Schools, Student Services	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
San Diego County Association for the Retarded			X	X	X	X	X	
San Diego County Department of Education	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
San Diego County Mental Health Services							X	
San Diego State University, Clinical Training Center		X	X	X			X	X
San Diego State University, Department of Special Education	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
San Diego State University, Rehabilitation Center	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

RESOURCE:	CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION FOR NEUROLOGICALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN (CANHC) Affiliated nationally with the "Association for Children with Learning Disabilities" (ACLD)
SPECIFIC CONCERN:	Provide information and referral on learning disabilities
GROUPS SERVED:	Learning Disabled
INTENDED USERS:	Learning Disabled Individuals, Administrators, Community Agencies, Parents, Teachers
SERVICES PROVIDED:	CANHC is a nonprofit, volunteer organization of parents and professionals dedicated to helping children with learning disabilities. CANHC provides information on learning disabilities and on resources available in the schools and community to learning disabled children. Referral information is available on diagnostic centers, clinics, special schools, tutors, and educational and medical specialists. CANHC acts as an advocate for special education and other special services for the learning disabled. CANHC provides family and community education on learning disabilities through books, pamphlets, conferences, films and speakers. Extensive publications about learning disabilities are available from local chapters and from CANHC's Literature Distribution Center, P.O. Box 1546, Vista, CA 92083. (A bibliography is also available.) Films can be obtained through the local chapter or from CANHC's Film Distribution, P.O. Box 4088, Los Angeles, CA 90051.
ADDRESS:	P. O. Box 20013 San Diego, CA 92120
COST:	Free, except for books and films

RESOURCE: CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE ENABLER PROGRAMS

SPECIFIC CONCERN: Provides support services to help handicapped students pursue academic and vocational training at the junior college level

GROUPS SERVED: All Handicap Groups

INTENDED USERS: Handicapped Individuals, Administrators, Community Agencies, Employers, Teachers

SERVICES PROVIDED: As mandated by Assembly Bill 77, the junior colleges are to provide support services designed to compensate for problems that would otherwise limit handicapped students from taking academic and vocational classes. Many of the junior colleges already have well established programs or centers for their handicapped students. These Centers are an excellent source of information on how to aid handicapped students in vocational classes. Usually the Centers have an extensive listing of services and resources available in the community. Support services offered through the junior college resource centers may include all or some of the following:

- transportation
- readers
- tutors
- interpreters for the deaf
- mobility aids
- braille books
- placement services
- lending of equipment (typewriters, braille tape writer, motorized chairs)
- notetakers and transcribers
- legal aid
- academic aids
- page turners
- adaptive physical education
- speech therapy
- orientation to campus

. The Community Colleges in San Diego and Imperial Counties that have Enabler Programs are listed below.

ADDRESS:
Imperial Valley College, Imperial
Educational Cultural Complex, San Diego
Grossmont College, San Diego
Mira Costa College, San Diego
Palomar College, San Marcos
Resource Center for the Handicapped, San Diego
(administration, not a campus)
Southwestern College, Chula Vista
San Diego City College, San Diego
San Diego Mesa College, San Diego

COST: None

RESOURCE:	CALIFORNIA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF
SPECIFIC CONCERN:	Residential school for the deaf
GROUPS SERVED:	Deaf/Hearing Impaired
INTENDED USERS:	Handicapped Students, Administrators, Employers, Parents, Teachers
SERVICES PROVIDED:	This is a state-operated residential school (open from September to June) for elementary- and secondary-level deaf students. Students do not stay at the school on weekends. The school serves 11 southern California counties: Imperial, Inyo, Kern, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Ventura. Services offered by the school include the following: academic programs; vocational programs; on- and off-campus work experience program; independent living skills program; access to full medical and emergency services; scouting program; interscholastic and city recreation sports programs; and student participation in school government. The school also has a Deaf/Multihandicapped Unit for students who are deaf and have any additional educationally significant handicap (except blindness). The vocational programs include classes in the following areas: fine arts, ceramics, mechanical drawing, homemaking, personal typing, offset printing, letterpress, power sewing, business arts, horticulture, general shop, auto body repair, spray painting, welding and sheet metal, cabinet making, upholstery, electronics, and small appliance repair. The school offers assessment services to school districts; consultation on course content, instructional material, and teaching strategies, and opportunities to visit the school and observe classes.
ADDRESS:	3044 Horrace Street Riverside, CA 92506 (714) 683-8140
COST:	None; transportation to and from school on weekends is also paid by the school

RESOURCE: State Department of Health
CRIPPLED CHILDREN SERVICES SECTION
714 P Street, Room 850
Sacramento, CA 95814

SPECIFIC CONCERN: To provide medical and allied services necessary for maximum physical and social functioning

GROUPS SERVED: Blind/Visually Impaired, Deaf/Hearing Impaired, Orthopedically Impaired, Other Health Impaired

INTENDED USERS: Handicapped Individuals, Administrators, Community Agencies, Parents, Teachers

SERVICES PROVIDED: Crippled Children Services (CCS) is an agency of the State Department of Health. There are CCS offices serving each of the 58 counties in California. Full diagnostic services are provided for children under 21 years of age with suspected eligible conditions. These conditions include almost all severe, chronic, or disabling disorders (except mental retardation and severe emotional disturbance).

Once eligibility is established, a treatment plan is contracted for full medical and allied services and may be managed by CCS to assure quality and continuity. If a child is found to be ineligible, CCS assists in developing treatment plans with alternative agencies.

Services other than medical include the following: referral information, rehabilitation center care, occupational and physical therapy, audiology services, speech evaluation and therapy, psychological evaluation, public health nursing home visits, braces and prostheses, dental care, and orthopedic shoes.

To be eligible for services, the client must be under 21 years of age, have an eligible condition or handicap, live in California, and need financial assistance with the cost of care.

ADDRESS:

(Imperial)
935 Broadway
El Centro, CA 92243
(714) 352-3610

(San Diego)
1600 Pacific Highway, Room 212
San Diego, CA 92101
(714) 236-3715

COST: Based on ability to pay. No charge for some services.

STATE AND STATEWIDE SERVICES

RESOURCE: DEPARTMENT OF REHABILITATION
State of California
722 Capitol Mall
Sacramento, California 95814

SPECIFIC CONCERN: Assists handicapped people of an employable age to overcome their disabilities and become gainfully employed

GROUPS SERVED: All Handicap Groups

INTENDED USERS: Vocationally Handicapped Individuals, Administrators, Employers, Parents, Teachers

SERVICES PROVIDED: The Department of Rehabilitation provides a full range of vocationally oriented rehabilitative services including evaluation, counseling, training, job placement, and follow-up. Services are provided on an individual basis, with each person receiving the particular services he/she is found to need for gainful employment. Eligibility is determined on the basis of a medically diagnosable disability, substantial vocational handicap, and reasonably predictable employability upon completion of the vocational rehabilitation program.

Vocational evaluation can include medical and psychiatric testing, vocationally geared psychological testing, individual vocational assessment, and work evaluation. Each client is assigned an appropriate vocational rehabilitation counselor (e.g., developmental disabilities counselor, rehabilitation counselor for the deaf (RCD), counselor/teacher for the blind, mental illness counselor).

Rehabilitation counselors are an excellent resource to consult for information on equipment and building adaptation, interpreters, mobility instructors, and vocational rehabilitation programs in the community. After extensive vocational counseling and guidance, a vocational training program suited to the client is selected. The Department will provide the necessary books, tools, training supplies, tuition, placement equipment, readers for the blind, interpreters for the deaf, and

ADDRESS:

(Imperial)
395 Broadway, Suite #6
El Centro, CA 92243

(San Diego)
Administrative Unit
1350 Front Street, Room 4053
San Diego, CA 92101
(714) 236-7281

COST: Services are provided at no cost to clients, except for medical restoration services.

transportation required for this training. Training programs can take place at a sheltered workshop, on the job, at a vocational school or university, or through tutoring. Vocational placement services offer assistance in seeking employment through teaching job-seeking skills. The Department encourages independent job attainment and follows up on each client.

The Department also offers medical restoration services when these are not available through other resources. These services consist of medical treatment (including surgical and hospital care), prosthetic devices and training in their use, and physical and occupational therapy. There is, however, a fee for these services based on each client's ability to pay.

RESOURCE:	MOBILITY BARRIERS SECTION of the State Department of Rehabilitation
SPECIFIC CONCERN:	Provides legal information and education on architectural barriers for the handicapped for the State of California
GROUPS SERVED:	Blind/Visually Impaired, Orthopedically Impaired
INTENDED USERS:	All Interested Persons
SERVICES PROVIDED:	The Mobility Barriers Section is a new agency within the Department of Rehabilitation designed to preside as the state's source of information and education on laws governing architectural barriers for the handicapped. Six staff members are available to answer questions, give advice, and make referrals on the elimination of barriers. The Section provides all necessary legal information on barriers. Publications available from them are: • American Standard Specifications for Making Buildings Accessible to, and Useable by the Physically Handicapped, October 31, 1961 • Site Inspection Checklist: A helpful tool in identifying barriers as based upon the American Standards Association (ASA) specifications. • California Access Laws: A compendium of laws governing architectural and transportation accessibility for handicapped persons. As part of an education program, a slide presentation has been developed and is available to any interested group upon request. On-site consultation is provided on a very limited basis. However, a state-wide program of 72 local volunteer consultants is being planned. These consultants will be available to inspect buildings using ASA specifications. They are to be thoroughly familiar with the laws and regulations relating to architectural barriers.
ADDRESS:	830 "K" Street Mall Sacramento, CA 95814 (916) 322-3078
COST:	None

RESOURCE:	REGIONAL CENTER OF SAN DIEGO AND IMPERIAL COUNTIES Developmental Disabilities Area Board XIII
SPECIFIC CONCERN:	Evaluation and diagnosis of developmentally disabled individuals; coordinates services available to developmentally disabled individuals and their families
GROUPS SERVED:	Developmentally Disabled (autistic, cerebral palsied, epileptic, mentally retarded, neurologically handicapped)
INTENDED USERS:	Handicapped Individuals, Administrators, Community Agencies, Employers, Parents, Teachers
SERVICES PROVIDED:	The Regional Center is the focal point through which developmentally disabled persons and their families are helped to make use of all appropriate public and private services to meet their special needs. The basic functions of the Regional Center are diagnosis and evaluation, planning and coordination of treatment on an individual client need basis. After appropriate diagnostic testing and evaluation, an Individual Program Plan is developed for each person describing the kind of growth and development anticipated. A program coordinator is responsible for implementing, overseeing, and monitoring each program plan. Services provided by the Regional Center include: • information and referral • diagnosis and evaluation • preventive services • counseling • case management • consultation to other agencies • community education regarding developmental disabilities • advocacy • admission to and discharge from state hospitals • court ordered evaluation • guardianship services • purchasing needed services • community resource development
ADDRESS:	(Imperial) 300 Imperial Avenue El Centro, CA 92243 (714) 353-2830 (San Diego) 8001 Frost Street San Diego, CA 92123 (714) 565-1511
COST:	No charge for diagnosis, evaluation, and coordination of services.

IMPERIAL COUNTY SERVICES

RESOURCE: IMPERIAL COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

SPECIFIC CONCERN: Special Services

GROUPS SERVED: All Handicap Groups

INTENDED USERS: Handicapped Individuals, Administrators, Community Agencies, Employers, Parents, Teachers

SERVICES PROVIDED: The Imperial County Superintendent of Schools acts as liaison between the state Department of Education and all school districts in the county. Evaluation, speech therapy, psychological services, and health services are offered to students ages 3-21 in most schools in the county. Classes for the deaf/hearing impaired are offered at Dessert Garden School. An itinerant program is offered throughout the county for students who are blind/visually impaired. (Educable mentally retarded and learning disabled students received assistance from city schools.)

The County Superintendent of Schools operates the Center for Exceptional Children (CEC) in El Centro. This school serves all groups of exceptional children except the educable mentally retarded and the learning disabled. CEC offers evaluation, speech and physical therapy, occupational therapy, vocational training and counseling, and job placement and referral. Training is offered in areas such as food service, car washing, child care, and service as teacher aides. Jobs for students are sought with local businesses and with the city hospital. The Center provides its own transportation for students.

Services provided by the Superintendent of Schools are available to any student on the basis of assessed need.

ADDRESS: 9[illegible] Main Street, Room 426
El Centro, CA 92243
(714) 352-7061

COST: None

RESOURCE: IMPERIAL COUNTY WORK TRAINING CENTER

SPECIFIC CONCERN: To provide supportive services to persons having developmental, physical, and social disabilities

GROUPS SERVED: All Handicap Groups

INTENDED USERS: Handicapped Individuals, Administrators, Community Agencies, Employers, Parents, Teachers

SERVICES PROVIDED: The Work Training Center is a private, nonprofit, incorporated vocational service agency serving handicapped persons 16-65 years of age. Clients earn wages as they receive vocational training. To be eligible, clients must be currently unemployed; interested in receiving services that may culminate in permanent, unsubsidized employment; and able to communicate by means of verbal, written, or sign language. Some staff members speak Spanish. The following services are offered:

- Work and Trade Training: Training in definite skills directly applicable to jobs in private industry in the areas of upholstery and wood working; training in the use of hand and power tools and chemicals; training in safety and emergency procedures; practice in competitive bidding. Future programs will teach skills in grounds-care maintenance and food service. A small restaurant will give clients increased contact with the public.
- Extended Employment: Offered to clients who are not yet able to compete in outside industry.
- Work Evaluation: Upon referral, the vocational ability of clients can be evaluated using work samples in a simulated work setting to determine performance level.

Transportation to the center is provided by the Economic Opportunity Commission. Home training is available to persons unable to come to the center.

ADDRESS: 361 East Highway 80
P.O. Box 2166
El Centro, CA 92243
(714) 352-6181

COST: Based on income or paid by contract agency

RESOURCE:	IMPERIAL VALLEY ASSOCIATION FOR THE RETARDED (IVAR)
SPECIFIC CONCERN:	To secure adequate services for developmentally disabled individuals
GROUPS SERVED:	Developmentally Disabled (autistic, cerebral palsied, epileptic, mentally retarded, neurologically handicapped)
INTENDED USERS:	Handicapped Individuals, Administrators, Community Agencies, Parents, Teachers
SERVICES PROVIDED:	The services provided by IVAR include the following: • Community Living Center: Room, board, and programmed living skills training on a long-term or short-term basis (respite care). • Activity Center: This is a day program designed to provide opportunities for socialization, living skills training, and basic education in writing and counting. Training is offered in sewing, general arts and crafts, cooking, cleaning, secretarial work, wood shop, and money management. • Project Impact: This is a federally funded program to seek out developmentally disabled persons in low-income and minority communities and inform them of services that are available. This is accomplished through parent education programs, volunteers for case-finding, and advocates for securing of services. Any developmentally disabled person 16 years of age or older is eligible for services. Transportation is provided by the Economic Opportunity Commission.
ADDRESS:	1331 South Clark Road P. O. Box 1828 El Centro, CA 92243 (714) 352-0180
COST:	Based on ability to pay

RESOURCE: MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES OF IMPERIAL COUNTY

SPECIFIC CONCERN: Direct psychological services and community education

GROUPS SERVED: Seriously Emotionally Disturbed

INTENDED USERS: Seriously Emotionally Disturbed Individuals, Administrators, Community Agencies, Parents, Teachers

SERVICES PROVIDED: Mental Health Services of Imperial County is an agency of the State Department of Health. Services include the following:

- A 10-bed inpatient unit for acute treatment. This unit is located in Brawley.
- Individual, group, and family therapy on an outpatient basis at three locations.
- Chemotherapy
- Information and education programs
- Consultation
- Inservice programs to community groups and schools

In addition to the El Centro location, there are two facilities in Brawley and one in Calexico. There are no eligibility requirements for services.

ADDRESS: 120 North Eighth Street
El Centro, CA 92243
(714) 353-2960

COST: Based on ability to pay

SAN DIEGO COUNTY
SERVICES

RESOURCE:	**BRAILLE TRANSCRIBERS GUILD OF SAN DIEGO**
SPECIFIC CONCERN:	To transcribe reading material into braille, into large print, or onto tapes
GROUPS SERVED:	Blind/Visually Impaired (including persons who cannot read because of paralysis or other illness)
INTENDED USERS:	Blind/Visually Impaired Individuals
SERVICES PROVIDED:	The major services of this all-volunteer agency are the transcription of reading material into braille, into a large print format, or onto tapes for use by the blind or visually impaired; and the teaching of braille to sighted persons only. College students are the major users of this agency, and college textbooks represent the majority of transcribed material. Books in braille and large print are available at no cost to residents of San Diego County, but recorded tapes are available on loan only.
ADDRESS:	1807 Upas Street San Diego, CA 92103
COST:	There is a minimal charge for braille and large print paper for those who are not residents of San Diego Co.

RESOURCE: CALIFORNIA DRIVING SCHOOL

SPECIFIC CONCERN: Driver training and vehicle modification

GROUPS SERVED: All Handicap Groups Except Blind

INTENDED USERS: Handicapped Individuals, Administrators, Community Agencies, Parents, Teachers

SERVICES PROVIDED: The San Diego branch of the California Driving School serves both Imperial and San Diego counties. It is exclusively concerned with teaching driving skills to the handicapped. Persons from every handicap group (except those who are blind) have been trained by the agency. (However, "seeing skills" taught by the agency have enabled some persons to obtain a driver's license who were previously considered to be unable to drive safely.)

Services offered by the agency include the following:

- Staff members specially trained in working with the handicapped
- Staff members who speak French, Spanish, and other languages
- Free analysis and estimate of the training and equipment modification necessary to achieve the goals of the handicapped person
- Free pickup and delivery of client at home or at school
- Cars equipped with special controls such as dual steering, steering for feet only, right and left gas pedals, etc.
- Complete mechanical department to convert vehicles to individual needs
- Assistance with driving tests

ADDRESS: 2800 5th Avenue
San Diego, CA 92103
(714) 233-7401

COST: Contact agency for fee rates.

RESOURCE:	CENTRAL DEAF ASSOCIATION COMMUNICATION CENTER
SPECIFIC CONCERN:	To provide communication services to deaf/hearing impaired individuals
GROUPS SERVED:	Deaf/Hearing Impaired
INTENDED USERS:	Deaf/Hearing Impaired Individuals, Administrators, Community Agencies, Teachers
SERVICES PROVIDED:	The Center provides a teletypewriter (TTY) linkage service for deaf/hearing impaired individuals who have access to a TTY or similar machine. Any hearing person can call into the Center and communicate with a deaf/hearing impaired individual who has a TTY; similarly, any deaf/hearing impaired person with a TTY can communicate, through the Center, with any hearing person who has a telephone. Hours for the Center are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. A TTY linkage at a 24-hour hot-line service is planned for the near future. In addition to the TTY linkage, other services provided by the Center include the following: • An interpreter pool of about 30 persons for almost any situation (classes, medical appointments, etc.) • Workshops on such topics as the legal rights of the deaf/hearing impaired • Lending program for equipment such as TTY machines • Dial-A-News, a 6-minute news recording that is changed weekly • Advocacy • Counseling • Community education programs
ADDRESS:	601 Market Street San Diego, CA 92101 (714) 234-6666 (TTY & voice)
COST:	No charge to handicapped clients; fees paid by contracting agencies or by grants

RESOURCE:	COMMUNITY SERVICE CENTER FOR THE DISABLED
SPECIFIC CONCERN:	To assist handicapped individuals with problems of independent living
GROUPS SERVED:	All Handicap Groups
INTENDED USERS:	Handicapped Individuals, Administrators, Community Agencies, Employers, Teachers
SERVICES PROVIDED:	The Center provides services that are designed to enable handicapped individuals to live as independently as possible in their communities. These services include the following: • Job development, placement, and follow-up • Training in job-seeking skills • Individual, family, and group counseling • Workshops to teach a positive, whole-person approach to building self-esteem • Attendant referral • Client advocacy (for instance, to help ensure that clients receive benefit payments) • Housing (locating housing accomodations accessible to people with various handicaps) • Avocational research (research to prepare a monthly calendar of events and a listing of recreational opportunities) • Monthly newsletter to members about the activities of the club • Teletypewriter (TTY) for use by the deaf • Community education program called the Disability Awareness Program, in which persons with disabilities give a 45-minute presentation to 4th-, 5th-, and 6th-graders in the city schools on the subject of the presenter's personal experience with his/her disability
ADDRESS:	4607 Park Boulevard San Diego, CA 92116 (714) 299-3660
COST:	None

RESOURCE: SAN DIEGO CENTER FOR THE BLIND

SPECIFIC CONCERN: Training for independent development

GROUPS SERVED: Blind/Visually Impaired

INTENDED USERS: Blind/Visually Impaired Individuals, Community Agencies, Employers, Teachers

SERVICES PROVIDED: The Center offers services for independent development in the following areas:

- Classes: Classes are offered in braille, typing, electronic visual aids, personal management, adaptive home skills, and mobility training such as cane travel and use of a guide dog.
- Skills Referral: A teacher is located, if possible, for any skill a client may want to learn.
- Job Development: Clients have been placed in a variety of jobs including piano tuner, secretary, braille transcriber of medical records, and developer of x-ray and regular photographic film.
- Personal Counseling and Job Counseling
- Financial Assistance: The Center will assist clients in locating sources of financial aid.
- Outreach: Training is offered in such areas as braille and adaptive home skills for clients who are homebound or in a convalescent home.

ADDRESS: 5922 El Cajon Boulevard
San Diego, CA 92115
(714) 583-1542

COST: None

RESOURCE:	SAN DIEGO CITY SCHOOLS, STUDENT SERVICES DIVISION
SPECIFIC CONCERN:	Learning assistance programs
GROUPS SERVED:	All Handicap Groups
INTENDED USERS:	Handicapped Students, Administrators, Parents, Teachers
SERVICES PROVIDED:	San Diego City Schools offer programs for students in all handicapped groups. These programs and services include the following: • Language, speech, and hearing problems (assistance includes speech reading and auditory training) • Deaf/hearing impaired (regular classroom instruction, special classes, note takers, interpreters, lip reading and sign language instruction, special equipment) • Orthopedically impaired and other health impaired (special facilities and physical and occupational therapy) • Blind/visually impaired (regular classroom instruction, one special class, readers, recordings, materials in braille and large print, orientation and mobility training, independent living skills training, special equipment) • Academically limited (regular classroom instruction, special classes, occupational training program) • Emotionally disturbed (regular classroom instruction; special classes; home instruction; program for students in 24-hour facilities; Project Linkage, an experimental, full-day, vocationally oriented program of individualized instruction for students with emotional problems and learning disabilities)
ADDRESS:	4100 Normal Street San Diego, CA 92103 (714) 293-8447
COST:	None

RESOURCE:	SAN DIEGO COUNTY ASSOCIATION FOR THE RETARDED
SPECIFIC CONCERN:	Assessment, education, and prevocational and vocational skills, training for the developmentally disabled
GROUPS SERVED:	Developmentally Disabled (autistic, cerebral palsied, epileptic, mentally retarded, neurologically handicapped)
INTENDED USERS:	Developmentally Disabled Individuals, Administrators, Community Agencies, Employers, Parents, Teachers
SERVICES PROVIDED:	This is an incorporated, nonprofit agency offering programs in the following areas: infant development, adult activity, workshop activity, community living (a residential program designed to prepare clients for independent living), respite care, recreation, and an extensive camping program. Assessment is offered in the areas of achievement, perceptual-motor skills, and psycho-social behavior. The Adult Activity Program is open to clients 18 years and older and includes basic education, physical fitness, recreation, prevocational training, community exposure, and a home-arts program. The Workshop Activity Program offers prevocational and vocational skills training, paid contract work, counseling, and training in job-seeking skills. The agency acts as a clearinghouse for information and resources for the developmentally disabled. There are five centers in San Diego County: two in San Diego and one each in El Cajon, Chula Vista, and Clairmont. A sheltered workshop is planned for the near future. The agency offers an Outreach program for home-bound clients and operates an Impact program to reach minority groups in the communities.
ADDRESS:	3035 G Street San Diego, CA 92102 (714) 234-6711
COST:	There is a fee for most services: scholarships available.

RESOURCE: SAN DIEGO COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, PUPIL SERVICES AND SPECIAL EDUCATION DIVISION

SPECIFIC CONCERN: Special education programs

GROUPS SERVED: All Handicap Groups

INTENDED USERS: Handicapped Students, Administrators, Parents, Teachers

SERVICES PROVIDED: The San Diego County Department of Education offers special programs and services for students in every handicap group. In addition to regular classroom instruction, there are special classes offered to students in each group. Schools in the county system that have several programs or classes for the handicapped include Vista Unified, Sweetwater Union High, San Diego Unified, La Mesa-Spring Valley, Grossmont Union High, Escondido Union Elementary, Chula Vista City, and Cajon Valley Union.

Among the special services and programs are the following:

- books in braille and large print
- special communication equipment
- note takers and interpreters
- aphasia programs
- speech therapy and auditory training
- mobility training
- training in daily living skills
- physical and occupational therapy
- home instruction for homebound or hospitalized students
- vocational programs for the deaf/hearing impaired, blind/visually impaired, orthopedically impaired, and mentally retarded

ADDRESS: 6401 Linda Vista Road
San Diego, CA 92111
(714) 292-3500

COST: None

RESOURCE:	SAN DIEGO COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES: CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENT DIVISION
SPECIFIC CONCERN:	Psychological services for children who reside in San Diego County
GROUPS SERVED:	Seriously Emotionally Disturbed
INTENDED USERS:	Seriously Emotionally Disturbed Individuals, Community Agencies, Parents, Teachers
SERVICES PROVIDED:	Children and Adolescent Outpatient Services: These services are available to children from birth to 18 years of age with emotional, behavioral, developmental, or learning disorders. There are 12 clinics throughout the county in San Diego, Chula Vista, El Cajon, Oceanside, and Escondido. Services include comprehensive diagnosis, individual and group psychotherapy, family therapy, play therapy, crisis intervention, chemotherapy, behavior therapy, and educational therapy. Staff members include child psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers, physicians, a pediatrician, a neurologist, and educational and occupational therapists. Some staff members speak Spanish. Children's Inpatient Services: This is an intensive diagnostic and short-term treatment facility for children under the age of 13 years who are unable to function in the home, community, or school due to psychiatric problems.
ADDRESS:	345 W. Dickinson Street San Diego, CA 92103 (7140 560-3031
COST:	Based on ability to pay

RESOURCE:	SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY--CLINICAL TRAINING CENTER
SPECIFIC CONCERN:	To train teachers while offering services to those who need assistance with speech and hearing problems, social and psychological problems, and school achievement
GROUPS SERVED:	Deaf/Hearing Impaired, Learning Disabled, Mentally Retarded, Seriously Emotionally Disturbed, Speech Impaired
INTENDED USERS:	Handicapped Individuals, Administrators, Community Agencies, Parents, Teachers
SERVICES PROVIDED:	Services provided by the Clinical Training Center are divided into six areas: • Central Intake: Intensive, multi-disciplinary testing of speech, hearing, learning, intellectual functioning, perception, motor coordination, and personality. • Counseling and Guidance: Majority of clients are secondary school students who desire assistance in educational or career planning or other developmental or personal concerns. • Learning Difficulties: Learning difficulties evaluation (including reading) and reading difficulties rehabilitation offered to elementary, junior high, or high school students. • Psychology: Psychological rehabilitation and individual psychological testing in the areas of intelligence and personality. • Social Work: Counseling for children and parents and psycho-social evaluation of the family and child • Speech Pathology and Audiology: For persons 2 1/2 years of age to adult with a speech, language, or hearing disorder. Diagnostic speech evaluation; basic audiometric evaluation; special audiometric evaluation; hearing aid evaluation; individual or group speech, language, or hearing therapy.
ADDRESS:	5402 College Avenue San Diego, CA 92182 (714) 286-6121
COST:	Nominal charge for services

RESOURCE:	SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY--DEPARTMENT OF SPECIAL EDUCATION
SPECIFIC CONCERN:	Academic and practical experiences to facilitate working with exceptional children.
GROUPS SERVED:	Students
INTENDED USERS:	Administrators, Students, and Teachers at the Master's Degree Level
SERVICES PROVIDED:	Individuals who are interested in working in special education will be provided with academic and practical experiences that will better enable them to work with exceptional children. A certification program is offered in five areas for those seeking teaching credentials: learning handicaps, communication handicaps, physical handicaps, and gifted. This department is a useful resource for information about aids, instructional materials, teaching strategies, and skills training for teachers working with students in all handicap groups.
ADDRESS:	Campus Lab School, Room 106 College Avenue San Diego, CA 92115 (714) 286-6665
COST:	

RESOURCE: SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY--REHABILITATION CENTER

SPECIFIC CONCERN: Vocational evaluation, adjustments, and placement

GROUPS SERVED: All Handicap Groups

INTENDED USERS: Handicapped Individuals, Administrators, Community Agencies, Employers, Students, Teachers

SERVICES PROVIDED: The Center offers a wide range of vocational services. Clients must be 16 years of age or older to enter the program. In addition to vocational services, the Center offers an opportunity for the practical application of skills for students obtaining a Master of Science in Rehabilitation Counseling. Students in the academic program are required to work at the Center for a maximum of 32 hours per week.

Services offered include the following:

- Information and referral
- Vocational assessment
- Development of a vocational plan for clients
- Vocational adjustment training in a work setting
- Placement in competitive employment
- 60-day post-employment follow-up
- 25-hour program in job-seeking skills
- Classes in independent living skills
- Consulting to outside agencies and schools
- Research into the rehabiliation process
- Academic program for students seeking a Master of Science in Rehabilitation Counseling

ADDRESS: 4033 Ruffin Road
San Diego, CA 92123
(714) 560-1363

COST: Paid by referring agency